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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHERN LAOS

1. A CAMBODIAN MAN WHO CAME TO VIENTIANE FROM ATTOPEU APRIL 1977 TOLD EMBOFF THAT THERE WERE ABOUT TWO OR THREE THOUSAD FORMER KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS NOW SETTLED IN ATTOPEU PROVINCE. THE CAMBODIANS ARE MOSTLY OF "PHNONG" ORIGIN FROM "VOEUN SAI" AND ARE PRO-VIETNAMESE. THE SOLDIERS, LED BY COMMANDER PHAN, WENT TO VIETNAM TO ASK FOR MILITARY AID FROM THE SRV SO THAT THEY COULD OVERTHROW THE PRESENT CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. SOURCE SAID THAT AFTER MANY MONTHS OF WAITING IN VIETNAM FOR A RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FROM THE SRV GOVERNMENT, MOST OF THE CAMBODIANS LOST HOPE AND SETTLED IN LAOS.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT THE CAMBODIAN LEADERS SEEMED TO
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HAVE INTEGRATED INTO THE LAO SYSTEM AND HAVE ABANDONED HOPES OF A PRO-VIETNAMESE TAKEOVER OF THE PRESENT CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. THEIR MILITARY COMMANDER, PHAN, NOW WORKS IN A SAWMILL IN ATTOPEU CITY; HIS DEPUTY WORKS IN THE MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL; AND THE FORMER CHIEF OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF VOEUM SAI NOW WORKS AT THE ATTOPEU POLICE HEADQUARTERS. OF

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THE GROUP'S ORIGINAL LEADERS, ONLY THE HANOI AND MOSCOW TRAINED FORMER CHIEF OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR ALL NORTHEASTEEN CAMBODIA, MR. KEO, SETTLED IN VIETNAM. THE HANOI TRAINED FORMER CHIEF OF MILITARY AFFAIRS FOR NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIA, MR. KHAN, REMAINED IN CAMBODIA. SOURCE SAID THAT A VEHEMENTLY ANTI-VIETNAMESE SPIRIT IN NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIA NOW MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO BE OUTSPOKENLY PRO-VIETNAMESE.

3. SOURCE SAID THAT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED CAMBODIAN REFUGEES CROSS OVER INTO ATTOPEU EACH MONTH.

4. HE SAID THAT ANOTHER SMALL COMMUNITY OF CAMBODIANS LIVES IN THE KHONG ISLAND REGION OF CAMPASSAK PROVINCE AND ARE EAGERLY AWAITING A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT SO THAT THEY CAN RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY.
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